

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Chief of Police Merl Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Gary Beck, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Pam Asberry, Depauw United Methodist, re: church gathering/alley closure on Saturday, August 5th, 2006 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Asberry addressed the board and requested that DePauw United Methodist be allowed to hold a church gathering on August 5th from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Fred Geswein re: Thanksgiving Race

Mr. Geswein addressed the board regarding his annual race, Fast Freddie's Festive Five Mile Feast, which will be held on November 23. He presented a memo with all pertinent information that is on file with the Clerk's office. He stated that there is an alternative route if the construction is taking place on Mt. Tabor road at the time.

Mr. Hunter moved that it be approved, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - Jim Bledsoe, Bledsoe & Sons painting re: partial lane blockage in front of Professional Arts building

Chief Harl stated that Mr. Bledsoe will be painting the front of the Professional arts building and will need to have a lift on the street, but he doesn't know when he will be starting.

Item #4 - Reynaldo Espinosa re: Changing of sign at 234 Pearl Street

Mr. Espinosa addressed the board about changing the sign at 234 Pearl Street for his new business Platinum Real Estate.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Item #5 - Officer Joe Lewis, re: yellow line curb on Beeler at Catherine Place

Officer Lewis stated that there is a gate at the end of Beeler onto Catherine Place and they would like to have the curb yellowed so that no one would park there and block emergency vehicles.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #6 - Marcey Wisman re: Hitching Post request to hold 22nd Anniversary Celebration on August 19 in the Caboose parking lot.

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Ms. Wisman stated that the Hitching Post would like to use the Caboose Lot for there 22nd Anniversary Celebration on August 19.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #7 - Edward Scott re: plat signed for lots on West and Lewis Street

Mr. Scott addressed the board and asked that they sign plat #1314 for the end of West and Lewis Street.

The Board signed the plat.

Scott Wood, introduced Mr. Lopp who represents Mrs. Losier who owns a daycare center on Center Street and explained that they have created a 15 minute drop off parking for the parents that has been approved by the Zoning Board.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Wood also stated that he has an agreement for the rail road crossing on Mt. Tabor Road so that they can reconstruct that section of the line and we are responsible for 20% of the line.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Stanton, St. Paul Episcopal Church, stated that they will be hosting a street dance on September 24 and they would like to close the street.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Stanley Mason requested the temporary demotion of Sergeant Tim Cook to first Class Firefighter.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran made a request for a handicap space for Tony McCampbell at 1802 Ekin Ave.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Eli Beardsley asked for permission to locate a dumpster on Pearl Street over the weekend.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor

Bob Senn, addressed the board regarding property that he has developed behind Walmart. He informed them that where Falling Run Creek runs through there is a horrible drainage problem that he believes could be corrected if the creek was cleaned. He explained that there is a 5' culvert that runs under the railroad track that crosses Grantline road and one that runs along hickory vale and they also need to be cleaned or it is going to continue to cause a problem.

Mr. Hunter explained the problems that the drainage problems have getting around to the entire city's problem areas and asked if he could show Mr. Norton where these are.

Buddy Norton stated that they do clean portions of Falling Run but that the railroad Company owns part of that land and they are not permitted to go on this property. He will go out with Mr.

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Senn to the area and see what they can do.

Bobby Rogers, stated that he is doing some landscaping work for the Federal building and he needs to go over the side walks to dump top soil. He stated that the sidewalk is already cracked and doesn't want to be held liable for this break.

Mr. Toran stated that when he got the message this morning regarding this issue, and asked if he would be willing to be liable for any other damage that may be caused by them.

Mr. Rogers stated that he would.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran made a lengthy statement regarding the trash problem in the alleys

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve with amendments, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**

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